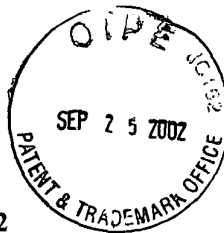


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the March 27, 2002 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on September 27, 2002. A check in the amount of \$1,440 (Check Number 1230) in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-245 (Cura 545). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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